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FrostMost - September 4, 2025, 3:47 pm

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SIM-5690428 - September 4, 2025, 8:22 pm

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SIM-5457022 - September 4, 2025, 8:51 pm

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FrostMost - September 6, 2025, 12:46 pm

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Jamika - September 6, 2025, 1:44 pm

For me, university is just a way to apply for jobs and has nothing to do with work or anything else.

HALx86 - September 6, 2025, 1:56 pm

University really turned it around for me. I put myself out of my comfort zone and got involved in the community. I took a lot of hard classes and found my first job.

The Pact - September 7, 2025, 5:25 am

People get very very angry if I ever mention that I have two degrees and I have an advanced masters with honours. I'm not EVER supposed to mention something I spent five years of my life doing. This includes at job interviews. I don't live in the USA.

SIM-5457022 - September 8, 2025, 9:36 am

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To be honest everything that you learn in college you can learn on your own buying the books online and it's cheaper. Companies today don't care about college.

They hire friends and relatives etc. The only way you can get a job these days in a profession is if you can learn by doing and build projects and show off your mini projects.

For me I went for accounting and finance. I never got a job in the field. I only worked labor jobs and I got the jobs by lying because even labor jobs they want 5 years of work experience and this has been the case since I was in highschool. I asked teachers and councilors on how to get a job if everyone wants experience. Everyone told me keep applying and looking for work someone will need someone without experience.. This was never the case. I learned the hard way by applying for work while in college and it took me 5 years. After college I applied for professional jobs I applied at about 5,000 open jobs a whole year after college. I only got 3 interviews out of it but all of them wanted to know if I am good at budgeting meaning do I have creative Ideas on getting costs down which normally you get such skills by actually doing the job. I know highest cost is labor so there's no magic sauce for it you have to layoff people or dock peoples pay. So, I couldn't get any professional job so I went the labor job route and couldn't get any by being honest. I then tried changing my name on resumes and I got interviews so I know I am being discriminated based on my name. Then I would go to interviews and they would ask for how many years have I done this job or a similar job. I said zero and it was clear they didn't like that answer. I then applied for a grocery job they wanted 5 years of work experience. I lied and put down I worked at 7-11 for 5 years. They liked that and then asked me about dollies how to use them. I never used one but have seen their employees use it. I winged it told them you line up the to the holes in the pallets put the dolly under it and then press that trigger lever and start back it up to lift the pallet off the ground and then let go of the trigger lever and then move it to the backroom warehouse. I then got the job.

Just from my experience getting labor jobs. To me it looks like you need to lie in the resume and job interviews but lie to a point that you can over them. I never wanted to do this but that was the only time I ever got a job. They did check if I had a highschool diploma. They submit your information to a 3rd party international credential checker. They now can check globally where you went for school. I remember I spend 2 weeks just doing training and signing papers and waiting on the background check.

I am sure I can do the same with my professional job the problem is that I cannot wing the job to the point to act like I have 5 years of work experience because the job is complex. I would need to have someone help me out the first year just to get used to the accounting cycle.

My suggestion is go to college get your degree but while going to college do projects on the side that you can show in interviews.

I have done assignments in school but lost that work. Which was a mistake. Companies are very very picky and in interviews if you can demonstrate your skills.

Like they want to see you what you did in school and did you understand the material and you give an example and you need projects that shows you add value to the company like you need to be unique. This is what companies want because they will hire their friends and family just to learn how to do the job and do the bare minimum. Anyone outside that circle needs to prove they can do the work at an elite level so they can pile on the work load on you when things are complex and hard where their friends and relatives don't have the education on how to handle it. For me the accounting world is taxes.

I got a degree in accounting and finance and I should have kept my excel files doing problems that taught us how to make a financial model of a company and figure out if buying shares of that company is good at that price based on how risky that stock is.

I would suggest to buy some books online or find ebooks that you can download from libgen and just study those while going to school. I think college holds value but companies today are very very greedy they want more than just a degree. They want more from you. Which is experience doing or handling problems of the profession.

banonkiel - *September 8, 2025, 12:00 pm*

I would say it depends on the country, sadly for me, mine relied on that shit.

You basically had no future in some fields if you didn't graduate college and I'm not talking about fields that absolutely need them, like Med school for example.

In some fields, you can learn most of what you get taught for free online.
not to mention, perhaps more in-depth.

To add to that, I think things like "ChatGPT" can be better mentor, considering the context it has, than most of people you can find in your life.

for example, I was planning on getting a new laptop and I just created a very comparison on best cost-effective laptops with upgradability options included in an excel sheet, took me like 5 mins.

If I thought about doing it manually, probably would have taken me hours.